

REMARKS

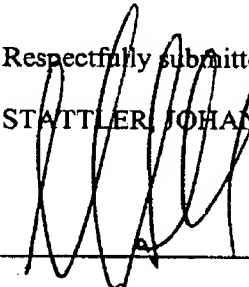
The following Supplemental Amendment supplements Applicants' prior Amendment dated August 31, 2004 to the Office Action dated May 21, 2004. This Supplemental Amendment is submitted as a follow up to the Examiner's Advisory Action sent on October 18, 2004. In the Advisory Action, the Examiner upheld the previous rejection of claims 28-31, 34-36, 39-46, 49-51, and 54-57. Additionally, the Examiner upheld the previous rejection of claims 32, 33, 37, 38, 47, 48, 52, and 53, for their dependence upon a rejected base claim. The Examiner also upheld the previous finding of allowability of claims 58-75.

In this Supplemental Amendment, Applicants have canceled claims 28-57. Accordingly, claims 58-75 will be pending after entry of this Supplemental Amendment. In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that all pending claims, namely claims 58-75, are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the rejections and objections is requested. Allowance is earnestly solicited at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,

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